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HIKING

MARTIN CREEK #2128

Length: 6.9 miles (one way)

Difficulty: More Difficult

Beginning Elevation: 8,006 ft.

Elevation Gain: +2921 ft.-1130 ft. = +1791 ft.

Trail Use: Moderate

Open To: Hiking, Horseback

Ending Elevation: 9,797 ft.

USGS Map(s): Minturn

Permit Information: In order to continue to provide quality recreation experiences and to protect the wilderness lands, the Forest Service must gather data regarding visitor use and travel patterns. Each party staying overnight in the Holy Cross Wilderness is **required to self-register at the trailhead and to carry a copy of the registration with them** during their visit. There is no fee charged and no limit to the number of permits issued.

Access from Vail: Travel west from Vail on I-70 to Exit 171 for Minturn. Exit here and head south on US 24 for about 2.3 miles to the south edge of Minturn. After you pass the Battle Mountain Trading Post, turn right on a dirt road just before a blue house. The trail starts up the hill at the end of the drive. Private property surrounds the trailhead; please respect the owner's rights.

Trail Highlights: The trail climbs steadily as it follows an old road through aspen and then lodgepole. The trail passes the remains of several old cabins and offers good views of Cross Creek Valley and Mount of the Holy Cross. At about 6 miles, hikers can turn right onto the Grouse Mtn Connector Trail #2010 toward West Grouse Creek Trail #2129 or continue left toward Cross Creek Trail #2006.

Important Information: Martin Creek is within the **Holy Cross Wilderness**. Wilderness is for your use and enjoyment, but you have an obligation to leave it unimpaired for future generations. Please understand your responsibilities when visiting these special places and leave no trace of your visit. A few of the Holy Cross Wilderness regulations include:

- * Camping - camp at least 100 feet from streams, lakes, and trails.
- * Dogs - must be under control and must not harass wildlife, people, or damage property.
- * Fire - campstoves are recommended and fires are prohibited at and above timberline.
- * Group size - limit group sizes to 15 people.
- * Sanitation - bury human waste at least 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your hiking trip.

